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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 27th April, 1949

No. 17(1)-T.B./49.—The levy of protective duties on the alloy, tool and special steels specified in Item 68(30) of the Indian Customs Tariff was due to expire on the 31st March, 1949. The Tariff Board has conducted an enquiry to determine what if any should be the measure of protection for the protected categories of these steels after the 31st March, 1949.

2. The Board has submitted its report with the following recommendations:—

- (i) The existing protective duty on all protected categories of steel in tariff item 68(30) should be maintained, *viz.*, 30 per cent. *ad valorem* in respect of articles manufactured in the U. K. and 42 per cent. *ad valorem* in respect of articles manufactured in other countries.
- (ii) The protection should be extended by two years more, *i.e.*, until the 31st March, 1951.
- (iii) The Tata Company should take steps to increase its production of high speed steel and stainless steels and thereby meet the consumers' requirements for those steels to a greater extent than it has hitherto done.
- (iv) There should be no statutory ceiling prices. In view, however, of the preferential position that would be enjoyed by the Tata Company under the proposed measure of protection, the *ex-works* prices of the four protected categories of steel should continue to be fixed by the Company at the rates determined by the Board and the *ex-works* prices of other related categories of alloy, tool and special steels should be fixed by the Company after making due adjustments in the prices of the four protected categories of steels.
- (v) The present policy of co-ordination between the disposal of Government surplus stocks and indigenous production as well as that of import regulation should be continued for the entire period of protection.
- (vi) For the purposes of orderly disposal of Government surplus stocks and for import control in respect of the protected categories of alloy, tool and special steels, the production, if any, of electric arc furnaces should be taken into account by the Iron and Steel Controller.

8. Government accept all these recommendations. As regards recommendation (ii), the period of protection has been extended to the 31st March, 1950 by the Protective Duties (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1949. Steps will be taken in due course for further extension of protection.

4. The attention of the Tata Company is invited to recommendations (iii) and (iv).

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ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all Provincial Governments, all Chief Commissioners, Ministry of External Affairs and the several Ministries of the Government of India, Prime Minister's Secretariat, Cabinet Secretariat, the Private and Military Secretaries to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Central Board of Revenue, the Auditor General, the Director General of Employment and Resettlement, the Director General, Industry and Supply, the High Commissioner for India in London, Colombo, Ottawa, Karachi and Canberra, the Indian Ambassadors at Nanking, Moscow, Tehran, Kathmandu, Rangoon, Cairo, Kabul, Ankara, Washington, Prague, and Rio de Janeiro, the Commissioner General for Commercial and Economic Affairs in Europe, Paris, Charge d'Affairs of India in Paris and Brussels, Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of India, Bangkok and Berne; Consuls General for India in Batavia; Buenos Aires, Shanghai, Pondichery, Saigon, Kashgir, New York, and San Francisco, The Deputy High Commissioner for India in Lahore, London and Dacca; The Secretary to the High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, Johannesburg; Agents of the Government of India in Kanday and Kuala Lumpur; Consuls for India at Saigon, Goa, and Jeddah; Vice Consuls for India at Medan and Zehedan; The Indian Political Officer, Sikkim; The Representative of the Government of India in Singapore; The Commissioners for the Government of India in Trinidad, Nairobi, Mauritius, and Fiji; Head of the Indian Liaison Mission, Tokyo; Head of the Military Mission, Berlin; Indian Government Trade Commissioners in Toronto, Sydney, Mombassa, Colombo, Paris and Karachi; Assistant Indian Government Trade Commissioner, Dacca; Commercial Adviser to the High Commissioner in U. K., London; Commercial Secretaries to the Indian Embassies at Alexandria, Rio de Janeiro, Rangoon, Tehran and Kabul, Paris; His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner in India; United States Embassy, New Delhi; The Canadian Trade Commissioner in India; The Australian Trade Commissioner in India; The Norwegian Consul General, Bombay; The High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, New Delhi; The Directors of Industries of Saurashtra Union, Rajkot; the Union State of Matsya, Alwar; the United State of Vindhya Pradesh, Rewa; the United State of Rajasthan, Udaipur, Gwalior, Indore, Malwa Union, Gwalior; Patiala and East Punjab States Union, Patiala; Editor, Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research, P-Block, Raisina Road, New Delhi; Indian Consul of Agriculture Research; Indian Standard Institution, Delhi; Free India Service, Tamrind House, Tamrind Lane, Fort Bombay; The Economic Adviser to the Government of India; Economic Adviser to the Rajasthan Union; The Director General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta; The Secretary, Indian Tariff Board, Bombay; The Secretary, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, New Delhi; and All recognised Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations.

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